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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCPF

SUBJECT: OCB Meeting, 23 September.

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1. At the request of DCI, through [redacted], I attended the formal meeting of the Board in the Administration Building at 1330. Mr. [redacted] accompanied me; and at my request General Balmer also attended, so that he might assist DCI in the presentation of the plan drafted by the PPC Staff. (This is the paper prepared at DD/P's direction, outlining a proposed national effort for development of a defense against communist bacteriological warfare charges. FYD coordinated in this plan, copies of which were delivered to DCI shortly before the Board meeting.)

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2. Present as members of the Board were: General Smith, DCI, Governor Stassen, General Cutler, C. D. Jackson, George Morgan, and Bill Godel as alternate for Mr. Kyes. In the supporting roles, in addition to the SIA group, were Mr. Radius, General Porter, and Mr. Kuhns of General Cutler's office.

3. The proceedings will be covered by minutes, copies of which have not yet reached us. The following are items of interest which I do not expect will be reflected in the minutes:

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a. The plan of organization prepared by C. D. Jackson and [redacted] (copy attached) took a rather severe beating. General Smith said that the original thinking with respect to PSB, which should be carried over to OCB, was of a relatively modest and definitely functional nature. C. D. explained that in asking for an intelligence advisor, he had in mind the continuation of the work now being done by [redacted] and his assistant, which had been found of great value. Mr. Dulles concurred in General Smith's observation that intelligence support for OCB should be provided by CIA, without a requirement for full-time OCB personnel. DCI spoke favorably of Dr.

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[redacted] told me later that it was his impression the matter might be solved by CIA picking up [redacted] and detailing him back to OCB. Several members of the Board stressed the words "secretariat" and "planners" in discussing the needs of the OCB staff. General Smith referred to a chart prepared by Mr. Radius, which he stated he did not himself approve, and was therefore unwilling to distribute. Attached is a copy of this chart, the penciled notes indicate changes which Radius and Morgan felt would improve it. You will note that this adds a planning group of five people, the suggested grade allocation

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being one 17 plus four 15s. The Board definitely rejected the idea of an area-type organization. This subject was taken up by the working group on the following day, and is covered more fully in a separate memorandum.

b. C. D. Jackson asked whether he might show his personal copy of the "US Prestige Abroad" paper to Mr. Streibert. General Smith observed, off the record, that domestic political implications in this paper required that it be very closely held. It was clearly the sense of the Board that, at least at this stage, USIA not have full access to materials coming under discussion, although C. D. found general agreement for his statement that in the long run USIA would have to have early advice on the subjects with which they would have to work.

4. The business of the Board proceeded very briskly, so much so that Morgan found himself in some uncertainty as to the details of their decisions on several points. Accordingly, he asked the support team to assist him in summarizing the meeting for his official minutes. I believe that he will wish to do this at future meetings. Attached is a copy of the notes on the agenda for this meeting as prepared for DCI by [redacted]

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Attachments:

1. [redacted] memo for the OCB, 22 Sept.
2. OCB chart.
3. [redacted] notes for DCI, 23 Sept.

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